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PIONEER WOMAN EXPIRES SUDDENLY

MRS. ELLA RIGGS DIES AFTER
THREE DAY ILLNESS; FU-
NERAL ON TUESDAY

Another one of Brown county's pio-
neers started the long, long journey
last Saturday when Mrs. Ella Riggs,
who came to this section in 1883, died
at the home of her son, George, liv-
ing southwest of Groton. Mrs. Riggs'
death came as a great surprise to her
many friends, not only among the old-
timers, but the younger generation as
well, since she had been ill only three
days. Consequently it was a great
shock to all who knew her.

Mrs. Riggs was born at Owatonna,
Minn., February 19, 1864, and she
came to South Dakota in 1883, settling
on her brother's farm near the home
of her son, George. She was married
in the fall of 1884 to Miles L. Riggs,
the ceremony taking place in Aber-
deen, and to this union two children
were born, one of whom, George, is
still living. Other relatives left to
mourn her loss are Wm. H. Putney,
of Minot, N. D.; Edward Putney, of
Cazenovia, Minn., and Moses Putney,
of Stanley, N. D., besides a large
number of nieces and nephews.

The funeral was held from the
home of her son, George, Tuesday af-
ternoon, conducted by Rev. Luther C.
Benson of the Methodist church, Mrs.
Riggs being a life-long member of
this faith. The remains were laid to
rest in Groton cemetery.

It is becoming increasingly difficult
to chronicle the death of our early
pioneers. They have been with us a
long time and each occupies a place in
our hearts and thoughts that cannot
be easily filled. This is true of Mrs.
Riggs, and the only solacing thought
connected with their passing is that
they have left behind an influence as
lasting as the broad prairies they de-
veloped.